

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 12 and 22 have been amended. The amendments are supported by the specification as filed, for example at: Fig. 4-6 and ¶¶ 20, 31-37. No new matter is added.

The present claims are patentable over Begeja et al. (U.S. PGPUB 2003/0030752) in view of Holtz et al. (U.S. Patent 6,760,916). Neither of these references teaches or suggests automatically creating a composite VOD clip to include one or more corresponding VOD clips from each of selected ones of VOD clip categories assembled according to selected VOD clip parameters of each selected VOD clip category, as claimed.

For example, Begeja allows a user to specify parameters of individual VOD clips, but those parameters do not define how individual ones of the VOD clips from selected VOD clip categories will be assembled into the composite VOD clip. Instead, they define only the corresponding VOD clip.

Holtz describes a system in which a user customizes a presentation by selecting categories of content and various parameters thereof. For example, user customization may be based on subject matter, geographical source, creation time, date, duration, start date, user profile etc. Like Begeja, the VOD clip parameters do not define how individual ones of the VOD clips from selected VOD clip categories will be assembled into the composite VOD clip and instead relate to the subject VOD clip.

Hence, even if the references were combined in the manner contemplated in the Office Action, the present claims would still include features not found in that combination. Accordingly, all of the present claims are patentable over Begeja even in view of Holtz.

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